BEREAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE



Uniform Policy

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K-12th Uniform Suppliers that meet the BCS Uniform Policy

READ CAREFULLY: The following suppliers have been selected as the **ONLY** sources for the Shirts (polo/oxford), sweaters, hoodies, uniform pants, jumpers, shorts, skirts and skorts that meet the BCS uniform policy requirements. Shirts (polo/oxford), sweaters, and hoodies are required to have the Berean Logo or acquired through Berean.

(A) Land's End School Uniform Catalog/Website:

All available school uniform items are acceptable from this supplier when they are purchased from the <u>Land's End</u> <u>Berean School uniform page</u>.

(B) American Graffitee:

Approved polo shirts, gym shorts and outerwear can be purchased from this supplier. Also, approved apparel can be taken here for logo application. Contact information: Carolyn Monroe at 314 Winona Street, Knoxville, TN 37917 or 865-522-5974.

(C) MyAPlusUniforms.com:

All available school uniform items are acceptable from this supplier. 453 Park 40N Blvd. Knoxville, TN 37923 or 865-370-2877.

(D) Tommy Hilfiger School Uniforms:

All available school uniform items are acceptable from this supplier using the BCS School Code. The website address is https://www.globalschoolwear.com/.

(E) Berean School Store:

All available school uniform items are acceptable from this supplier found in the upper campus commons.

(F) Jennifer Overholser:

Any approved apparel can be dropped off for Berean mom, Jennifer Overholser, to have the logo applied. To arrange this, her email is jloverholser@hotmail.com

For Elementary Students Only:

(E) Children's Place

For the Elementary students all available school uniform pants, jumpers, shorts, skirts and skorts that are khaki or Navy.

Application and Guidelines

General Fit and Neatness

Clothing should be the proper size and fit. Regardless of the ebb and flow of style, clothing which is too tight or too loose is unacceptable. As children do grow quickly between seasons, attention should be given to how "big" is "too big"; too tight and too short are easier to determine. Clothing is to be clean and should not be frayed or have holes. Undergarments should not be showing. Careful attention should be given to the tightness of clothing such that the item can be worn with proper modesty.

Dress Uniform Pants/Shorts

(Khaki and Navy colors) Pants must not drag on the ground. Uniform pants and shorts are available at the approved vendors listed in the section above. A belt is encouraged if the shorts have belt loops, except in grades kindergarten through 3rd grade. The length must not be shorter than 3 inches above the top of the knee (measured while standing).

Skirts/Skorts/Jumpers

(Khaki, Navy or Plaid colors) The length of skirts/skorts/scooters and jumpers (with approved shirt) must be no shorter than 3" above the knee as measured while standing. Skirts require shorts to be worn underneath. Slits

should be no higher than 3" above the knee as measured while standing. The approved plaid skirt is <u>only</u> available from Land's End and Tommy Hilfiger and is Classic Navy Plaid. A collared uniform shirt is required to be worn under a jumper. Jumpers need a logo.

Socks and Leggings

Socks, tights, and leggings will be permitted under skirts/skorts/scooters and jumpers.

Shirts

Each student must wear a solid color Polo or Oxford shirt in any approved stock color (the acceptable shirt colors are: Light blue, Navy, Cobalt, White, Ash Grey, Black, and light Yellow) available from Land's End, My APlus Uniforms, Tommy Hilfiger School Uniforms and American Graffitee. Solid colored turtlenecks or knit long sleeve shirts may be worn under an approved polo or oxford shirt. Printing of any kind on T-Shirts worn under the collared shirt may not show through. Only items mentioned in the following section may be worn over top of any approved shirts. The Berean School Logo must be applied to the above mentioned items. (Required) School Field Trip Shirt (Elementary) Royal blue color polo shirt with the Berean Logo is the required Field Trip shirt for Elementary students and can be purchased from American Graffitee, Educational Outfitters, Tommy Hilfiger School Uniforms or Land's End.

Sweaters/Sweatshirts/Cardigans/Fleeces

Sweaters (hooded or not), cardigans, sweatshirts, sweater vests, fleeces and light-weight jackets may be worn in class over any approved shirt and are available from Land's End, My APlus Uniforms, Tommy Hilfiger School Uniforms or American Graffitee. For currently owned items to be logoed at American Graffitee or with Jennifer Overholser, they must be one of the following approved colors, and from an approved vendor, Light blue; Navy; Cobalt; Black; White, Ash Grey; and light Yellow and must be image free.

Collars on the shirts under these garments must be visible except when wearing hooded sweatshirts. The body length of the item must be no shorter than the top of the pants/skirts/skorts. Sweatshirts (hooded or not) may be worn only if they have Berean school or Berean approved logos. (See school administration if in doubt.) Only items mentioned in this section may be worn over top of any approved shirts. *The Berean School Logo must be applied to these aforementioned items.*

<u>Shoes</u>

Footwear must be worn at all times. Closed heel and closed toe shoes are required for PreK thru 5th grade <u>only</u>. Closed toe shoes are required for student safety during designated lab times grades 6-12. Separate sneakers or athletic shoes must be worn for PE class and athletic activities. No shoes with wheels.

<u>Outerwear</u>

Outerwear must not be worn in class. Examples include the following: heavy coats or heavy jackets, rain gear, and sunglasses. Caps, hats, skullcaps, hoods, and bandannas must not be worn in the building. Coats and rain gear can be worn to the locker to be removed before class.

Body Piercing/Tattoos

Any body piercing with the exception of pierced ears for girls should not be worn at school or to any school events. No visible tattoos are permitted.

<u>Hair</u>

Extreme styles and unnatural colors for hair are not allowed. This applies for both boys and girls. Hair should be neat in appearance.

<u>Swimsuits</u>

At any BCS sponsored activity where a swimsuit would be appropriate (i.e., swim meet), girls are to wear a modest one-piece. Shirts and shorts are not required to be worn over the top of the swimsuit while at the activity but it is recommended (not required) before and after the sponsored activity.

Dress Down Day

Upper Campus Dress Down Days allow the student to wear different clothes than the dress code. Specific regulations for these days will be communicated to students.

Lower Campus will have special dress down days that are announced via Class Dojo. Lower Campus students are allowed to wear a Berean T-shirt and uniform bottom every Friday.

PE Uniform (MS/HS)

Middle School/ High School: Dark colored athletic shorts (no spandex), no more than 3" above the knee, should be worn for PE. For a shirt, please wear any Berean T-shirt, or plain solid colored t-shirt. Athletic shoes are required. Clothing should be the proper size and fit. Regardless of the ebb and flow of style, clothing which is too tight, too loose, or too short is not acceptable.

School-Sponsored Events

The uniform policy is relaxed for school-sponsored events such that students are expected to dress modestly at all school-sponsored events outside of the classroom. Students who are not dressed appropriately will be asked to leave the event. It is suggested that students show school spirit by wearing BCS logo items.

After-School/School Property

Students are expected to dress modestly while on school grounds after school. Students who are not dressed appropriately could be asked to leave the school property. Regardless of the ebb and flow of style, clothing which is too tight, too loose, or too short is not acceptable.

Uniform Code Violations

It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure that their child's attire conforms to these standards. If a child comes to school with a violation of the dress code, notification may be sent home explaining the violation. Violations may result in parents being contacted by the school office to bring an appropriate change of clothes for their child. Specific criteria regarding dress will be outlined for each off-campus activity.

We wish to assure both students and parents that violations of the dress code will be dealt with in Christian love and firmness with deep concern for the individual involved. It is our desire that students conform to the code because of personal conviction and love for Christ and not just because the school or their parents have asked them to conform. As new clothing styles develop, they will be evaluated within the stated guidelines of modesty and appropriateness. (See Appendix A – Dress Code)

Concluding Observations

The school recognizes that it cannot specify every rule for dress and personal appearance. As such, we expect students to adhere as much to the spirit of the uniform policy as they would to the letter of this policy code. The school administration alone will have the discretionary authority to judge issues as they come up as to whether they adhere to our uniform policy or not. The faculty should consult with the school administration as issues arise so that clear communication exists between the administration, faculty and the students. Additionally, as new uniform clothing styles develop, they will be evaluated within the stated guidelines of modesty and appropriateness and this policy and/or the suppliers listed will be amended. See BCS website for latest revision.